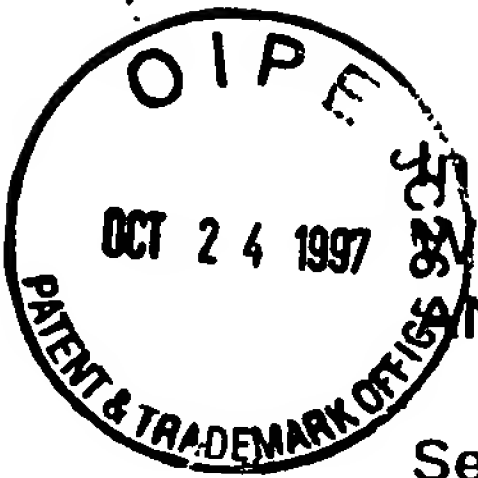


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to correct several inadvertent errors in the above-identified non-provisional patent application which was filed by Express Mail on July 8, 1997 and claims the benefit of the July 8, 1996 filing date of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/021,345. Please enter the following amendments:

In the Application

Beginning at line five of each page, please add line numbers to every fifth line and restart the numbering on each page. Applicant submits herewith a copy of the application filed on July 8, 1997 to which line numbers have been added to aid the Examiner in entering the following amendments.

In the Specification

Page 1, line 5, delete "Process" and insert --Method--.

Page 1, line 6, insert --This Non-Provisional Patent Application claims the benefit of the filing date of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 06/ filed on July 8, 1996.--.

Page 1, line 16, between "are " and "also" delete four spaces.

Page 1, line 21, delete "can" and after "operate" insert --to be periodically increased--.